The **March Monthly Meeting** of the **Hawthorn Parish Council** was held in the **Community Centre** at **7.45pm** (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

on **19th March 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice Chairman)

Darren Ellis, Diane Hughes, Sheila Irving

**Officer**: Lesley Swinbank Parish Clerk

# Apologies

Cllrs. Maxine Smith, Norman Hughes

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees, Police

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday February 19th, 2018**

# Matters of Information

## Hawthorn Dene Walk

Now changed to Sat May 12th

## Websites

The Clerk informed members that she had been unable to close the original Hawthorn PC website in 2014, and as a result the new existing one had been created.

# Reports

## Police

Apologies had been sent together with very brief details of crime over the past month.

Members felt it was very disappointing that the Police had not been able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and that the report had not included any details.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To express members’ disappointment that no-one had been able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish**
2. **To request the monthly reports include more information and detail.**

## Co. Cllr.

Apologies had been received.

## Community Centre

The report had been given at the Annual Parish Meeting earlier in the evening.

## East Durham Committee

The report was given on the meeting held the previous week and which was attended by Cllrs. Alan Askew, George Vest and the Clerk.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the report.**

## Any other reports

None

# Public Participation

The Chairman closed the meeting and invited the public to give their views and comments.

There were no comments and the meeting was re-opened.

# Correspondence / emails

None received

# Financial:

## Resolved

To endorse the monies to be paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation

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| 100929 | 19/03/2018 | Amazon | Toner printer and paper | £24.76 |  | 2.50 |

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| **Opening Balances** |  | **£10,227.32** |
| **Business** | £8,328.79 |  |
| **Current** | £1,898.53 |  |
|  |  | **£10,227.32** |
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| **Receipts To date** |  | **£19,176.48** |
| **Payments to date** |  | £11,761.76 |
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| **Closing balances** |  | **£17,642.04** |
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| Business | £11,150.21 |  |
| Current | £8,874.27 |  |
| Total | £20,024.48 |  |
| Less u/p to date | £2,382.44 | **£17,642.04** |

# Insurance : To approve the quote from Came and Co.

The Clerk reminded members that AON are no longer providing local council insurance from June 1st and that as such she had invited a quote from Came and Co which are now the primary provider of such insurance.

**RESOLVED**

**To accept the quote of £443 for a 3 year term. This is less than the cost from AON.**

# Training: Information and reports

The Clerk is attending the audit training on Wednesday evening.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

# Current Planning Applications:

## Quarry application

No further details have been received.

## DCC lists

No new applications.

## Pre- applications

The Clerk informed members that she had been contacted by George White and Co acting for Storey Homes regarding meeting with the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To invite to the April meeting.**
2. **To include info as to notifying residents about possible pre-application meetings in the next newsletter**

# Events / Information

## Litter Pick

**RESOLVED**

1. **To take part in the annual litter pick – to be held at 10am on Sunday 15th April.**
2. **To advertise in the next Round Up**
3. **To request equipment etc is dropped off on Tuesday April 10th between 10 and 12 in the community Centre.**

## Dene Walk

Confirmed for Saturday 12th May at 10am from the Community Cent

## Big Lunch

**RESOLVED**

1. **Confirmed for Sunday 3rd June.**
2. **The Chairman to contact Crazy Kev**

## Sunflower Competition

**RESOLVED**

**The Clerk to purchase sunflower seeds and envelopes.**

## Flowerpot Festival

**RESOLVED**

**To organise as in 2017**

## Photograph Exhibition

**RESOLVED**

**To organise as in 2017**

## Open Garden Walk

**RESOLVED**

**To organise as in 2017**

## Christmas switch on lights

The Clerk said she would not be able to be present on the proposed date of Saturday December 1st due to a family wedding.

**RESOLVED**

**To consider holding the event on Friday 30th November, but confirm at the April meeting.**

# Community Plant Scheme

The Clerk had circulated details of the consultation results.

**RESOLVED**

**To plant the bluebells ( when received) on West Lane, High West Lane and the village green**

**To give some blue bells to be planted around the Stapylton Arms.**

# Date of the next meeting:

## 7pm : Monday April 16th, 2018

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.